

Cal-SOAP College Access Scholarship

The Long Beach Regional Cal-SOAP Program is excited to announce **over \$82,000** in new college scholarships to assist you in going to college and achieving your goals.

At the Long Beach Regional Education Consortium, we are working to inspire dreams and provide tools to pursue a college education. College *is* a possibility, and the "Cal-SOAP College Access Scholarship" aims to make your goal of going to college that much easier to accomplish by providing additional financial support.

We will be awarding 69 scholarships to eligible high school seniors who will attend an accredited, degree granting college in California during the 2008-2009 academic year: 48 scholarships of \$1,000 to attend community college, 16 scholarships of \$2,000 to attend a four-year university or college, and 5 scholarships of \$500 for students who frequent the Youth Opportunity Center of Long Beach.

The deadline to submit the Cal-SOAP College Access Scholarship application is March 31, 2008.

All student applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be a high school senior;
- be a California resident;
- have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA);
- be either (a) low income or (b) the first in the family to attend college;
- attend a Cal-SOAP designated high school¹ or frequent the Youth Opportunity Center of Long Beach;
- apply, be admitted, and enroll at a Community College or university in the state of California; and
- submit a completed application and essay² by March 31, 2008.

If you have any questions or would like to obtain an <u>application</u>, visit <u>www.csulb.edu/calsoap</u>, call (562) 985-9115, or speak to a College Peer Advisor at your school.

¹ Artesia High School, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School, California High School, Centennial High School, Compton High School, Dominguez High School, David Starr Jordan High School, La Serna High School, Lakewood High School, Robert A. Millikan High School, Pioneer High School, Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Renaissance High School for the Arts, Santa Fe High School, Whittier High School, and Wilson High Classical High School

² Applicants are required to respond to the question "How do you plan to make a positive difference in your community after successfully completing your education" in a short, 500-word essay.